

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on April 24th, AD 2014 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III, Paul J. Golembeske and Gary S. Mataronas. Absent: Robert L. Mushen. Also present: Tom Dunn, Business Manager.

Salute to the Flag.

Council Vice President Golembeske called to order a Public Hearing, duly advertised, to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs and on program performance based on the following:

The Town of Little Compton is considering the filing of an application for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. A maximum of \$150,000 is available to undertake the following range of activities:

a) Provisions of employment opportunities for low and moderate-income individuals.

b) Improved housing opportunities for low and moderate-income families and individuals.

c) Provision of community facilities and services principally benefiting low and moderate-income families and individuals.

Christian Belden of Church Community Housing Corporation reviewed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program history. He specifically noted that the Town has been participating in this program for 27 years. Several entities have submitted letters of interest to the Town for inclusion in the 2014 CDBG application. The following spoke on behalf of their requests:

Susan Schenck of EastBay Community Action Program, requesting \$5,450 from Little Compton and Tiverton for repairs to the 1048 Stafford Road facility serving both communities.

Gerry Manning of St. Elizabeth's, Cornerstone Services, Nancy Brayton Osborne facility on East Main Road, Little Compton for a new early memory program encouraging nutrition and exercise as early intervention to prevent memory loss.

Jim Winters of the Housing Hotline seeking continued support for local needs. He mentioned this past year the Housing Hotline assisted a Little Compton family with a domestic abuse situation.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): Receiving no further public comment it is hereby voted to close a public hearing regarding the consideration of a Community Development Block Grant Application.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To approve, as written the April 10, 2014 Town Council meeting minutes.

Announcements:

1) A claim entitled: Robin Colt vs. Pyro Engineering, Inc. d/b/a Bay Fireworks has been resolved, released and dismissed with prejudice.

2) The repairs on the Breakwater located at Sakonnet Harbor have been completed. Councilor Mataronas expressed gratitude to the US Army Corps of Engineers and the RI Dept. of Environmental Management for their work.

3) A temporary parking area has been established at the Town Landing. This action is meant to prevent further damage to the field and prevent an accident near the cliff which is becoming increasingly more unstable in certain areas.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file the Fire Department Head Report for February 2014.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by

Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file the Police Department Head Report for January through March 2014.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To authorize the payment of \$606,429.68 to ADS Construction, Inc. under application #15 to be charged the Bond Anticipation Note for the School Renovation Project.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To continue until the May 8, 2014 Town Council meeting an update on the review of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): Based on the recommendation of Councilor Golembeske and Director of Public Works William Moore the Town Council hereby votes to enter into a 5-year lease from Imperial Ford, Mendon, MA for a 2015 Ford F-350 4WD Reg. Cab PU w/dump body with a equipment cost value of \$39,835 for use by the Department of Public Works, Maintenance Department, said lease shall be with Ford Motor Credit Company for a monthly payment of \$9,088.65 for 5-years with a buy out of \$1 upon the conclusion of the

lease, funding to come from the capital funds account.

A letter has been submitted by the Executive Director of the LC Community Center explaining the centers needs for the use of 32 Commons periodically during the summer months. After a brief review the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To approve a request made by the LC Community Center to use 32 Commons on weekdays from June 30, 2014 to August 15, from 9 AM to 4:30 PM on an as needed basis during days that require the displacement of the youth attending summer camps, and more specifically to use the building from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM June 21 to 28 while the Center's floors are being refinished and July 14 – 18 due to the Art Show preparation.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To table until May 8, 2014 further discussion of a request made by the Senior Tennis League of Little Compton to use the town tennis courts.

Motion made by Councilor Appleton, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and

appoint Ryan Rebello, Alex Oliveira and James Vandal, Jr. as call fire fighters at a rate of pay of \$15 per hour for part time fire fighters.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To authorize the Council President to enter into a renewal Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement with RI Resource Recovery Corporation for fiscal years 2015-2017, contingent upon a successful review of the contract by the Town Solicitor.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To authorize the purchase of a new copy machine, model MP3002sp Digital Imaging System for use in the Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office from Core Business Technologies in the amount of \$6,415.00 as per the Master Price Agreement awarded by the State of Rhode Island.

Scott Morrison reviewed with those in attendance the proposal for the Council to withdraw from the Annual Financial Town Meeting warrant the article concerning the \$150,000 retainage payment for the school renovation project due to the fact that the Council scheduled a special Financial Town Meeting immediately prior to the Annual meeting to handle the final payments regarding the school project.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To inform the Town Clerk that the Town Council wishes to withdraw from the Annual Financial Town Meeting warrant the following article:

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars as the final retainage payment for the Wilbur-McMahon School Project. Prior retainage payments have been made from a combination of school bond proceeds, school unallocated reserve funds, the Reserve Fund, the Capital Fund and the General Fund.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To grant the renewal of a Private Detectives License to David C. Toracinta for the ensuing year.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file a request from the RI General Treasurer to support the funding of the Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund, as the town does not borrow money for road repair projects.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file the following resolutions adopted by the Burrillville Town Council:

a. S 2018 and H 7430 - Relating to Taxation – Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes – (supported) would increase the maximum tax from 8% to 10% of gross scheduled rental income to be eligible for low-income housing

b. S 2104 and H7126 - Relating to Town & Cities – General Powers – Background Checks (supported) would require municipal recreation departments to obtain written authorization to perform a background check on a volunteer or employee; also provides for fire districts to request background checks

c. S 2085 and H 7628 - Relating to Towns and Cities – Low and Moderate Income Housing (supported) would allow mobile and manufactured homes which are a part of a mobile and manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the town's comprehensive land use plan

d. H 7247 - Relating to Highways – Municipal Road & Bridge Revolving Fund (supported) would raise the maximum amount of financial assistance available; would provide that assistance be paid over a 10 year period

e. H 7270 - Relating to Courts and Civil Procedures (supported) would cause pre-judgment interest in a civil action to accrue only upon the filing of a civil action

- f. H 7747 - Relating to Education – Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act (supported) would require the state to pay for the education of students placed in group homes outside of their municipality**
- g. S 2032 - Relating to Courts and Civil Procedures – (supported) would reduce the statutory interest on judgments**
- h. S 2078 - Relating to taxation – Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes (supported) would increase to 6 years the interval of time within which a town must conduct an update of revaluation**
- i. S 2593 - Relating to parks & recreation – public use of private lands – liability limitations (opposed) would change the definition of “owner” to exclude the state and municipalities**

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To grant permission to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Mass/RI Chapter to conduct a 62/25 mile Bicycle Ride called the Cycle for Life on September 27, 2014, contingent upon notification with the local Police Department concerning the potential need to hire a police detail for the event and that the Town’s Indemnification Form requirements being met.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file the following consent calendar items:

8. Copy of a resolution adopted by the North Kingstown Town Council supporting the repeal of the straight party vote option on future ballots.

9. Copy of a resolution adopted by the North Kingstown School Department opposing House bill 7465 and Senate bill 2411 – contract continuation.

10. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Smithfield School Committee opposing House bill 7465 and Senate bill 2411 – contract continuation.

11. Copy of a resolution adopted by the East Greenwich School Committee opposing House bill 7465 and Senate bill 2411 – contract continuation.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid: \$50,987.97

United Site Services - Transfer Station \$115.00

Poland Springs - Town Hall \$22.75

Poland Springs - Maintenance \$13.41

Safeguard - Treasurer \$297.90

Allied Waste - Transfer Station \$6,064.52

International Salt - Highway snow removal \$14,625.16

Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$31.26

Nationalgrid - Peckham Lot \$18.91

Nationalgrid - Cell Tower \$174.39

Nationalgrid - Street Lights Adamsville \$33.28

Natinalgrid - Town Hall \$203.10

Nationalgrid - IOOF \$24.19

Nationalgrid - 32 Commons \$21.33

Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$15.69

Direct Energy - Public Safety Complex \$625.76

Direct Energy - Transfer Station \$119.03

Direct Energy - 32 Commons \$14.19

Direct Energy - IOOF \$18.17

Direct Energy - Town Hall \$268.18

Direct Energy - Street Lights Adamsville \$30.90

Direct Energy - Cell Tower \$228.05

Direct Energy - Town Dock \$28.08

Direct Energy - Street Lights - Peckham Lot \$10.78

Direct Energy - Street Lights \$6.31

Stanley Engineering Inc. - Assessors \$1,631.75

CS & M Telesystems Inc. - Town Hall \$85.00

Firematic Supply Co Inc. - Fire Dept. \$307.28

RI Uniform & Supply Inc. - Fire Dept. \$1,266.92

Patrol Data - Fire Dept. \$2,699.68

Griggs & Browne Co Inc. - Fire Dept. \$50.00

Cox Communications - Fire Dept. \$164.81

Vidacare - Fire Dept. \$1,111.40

Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Fire Dept. \$135.00

Cyber Comm Inc. - Fire Dept. \$640.00

Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Fire Dept. \$562.88

Patrol Data - Fire Dept. \$400.00

Henry's Tire Service - Fire Dept. \$79.95

Paul's Press - Fire Dept. \$36.50

Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept. \$124.97

Cyber Comm Inc. - Fire Dept. \$695.00

Ryan Rebello - Fire Dept. \$275.40 \$8,549.79

Cox Communications - 32 Commons \$33.00

Petro - Gasoline \$2,465.07

AAA Police Supply - Drug Forfeiture \$786.00 \$786.00

Earl's - Police Dept. \$83.15

Sirchie Laboratories - Police Dept. \$69.11

W.B. Mason - Police Dept. \$212.56

Messenger Security Systems, Inc \$75.00 \$439.82

CMI, Inc. - contingency (to be reimbursed by grant) \$7,619.00

Patrol Data - Capital Account - cruiser \$200.00

McGeough's Turf Management Inc. - Civic Rec. \$305.00

McGeough's Turf Management Inc. - Civic Rec. \$240.00

Affiliated Computer Services - RI Historical Records Funds \$1,299.00

Gareth Eames - Bldg. & Inspections \$1,548.84

Robert Cavanagh Jr. - Highway \$520.00

JR Tree & Land Co. - Highway \$1,290.00

Susan Sisson - Director of Social Service \$800.00

W.B. Mason - Town Clerk - Treasurer - Assessors \$165.36

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk